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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Takayuki TAMURA *et al.*  
Serial No. : 10/748,156  
Filed : 31 December 2003  
For : EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE AND MEMORY  
ACCESS CONTROL METHOD THEREOF  
Art Unit : 2133  
Examiner : P.M. Chung  
Conf. No. : 6972

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
POB 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

26 November 2004

Sir:  
In response to the Office Action mailed 25 August 2004 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks.

**PENDING CLAIMS**

Claims 29-61 were pending in the application, under consideration and subject to examination at the time of the Office Action, and remain pending in the application for further consideration and examination.

**RELATED APPLICATION/INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

It is respectfully submitted that the present application has now been determined to be related to US Application No. 10/639,808 filed 30 July 2003,